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Reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action the Examiner **(1)** maintained a rejection of claims 1-6 and 9 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over European Patent Application 0549182A2 to Cline (hereinafter the '182 reference) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,835,688 to Kimura (hereinafter the '688 reference); **(2)** maintained a rejection of claims 7 and 10 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the '182 reference in view of the '688 reference), and in further view of "Digital Flasing Tomosynthesis: A Promising Technique for Angiocardigraphic Screening" by Stiel et al. (hereinafter the Stiel reference);and **(3)** found allowable subject matter relative to claims 8 and 11.

Concerning items **(1)** and **(2)** above, it is respectfully submitted that present claims 1 and 9 effectively traverse the respective rejections thereof. That is, claims 1 and 9, which claims, like claims 8 and 11, are directed to allowable subject matter, read on that which is clearly not disclosed or suggested via the prior art. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that at least claims 1 and 9, in addition to claims 8 and 11, are patentable. It is further respectfully submitted that as claims 2-7 and 10 depend either directly or indirectly from either claim 1 or claim 9, such claims are likewise patentable.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and as such is the case, Applicants respectfully and earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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